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LB 97, 305, 461  
LR 84

call. Mr. Clerk, items for the record, please.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. A study resolution, LR 84, by Senator Janssen, be referred to the Executive Board. Senator Beutler, an amendment to LB 461 to be printed; Senator Schimek to LB 97. (Legislative Journal pages 1775-1782.)

Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote just taken.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're...you're recognized to open on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Coordsen got a few more votes than I thought he would get on that motion, 17 votes. To me, that's too many votes to throw away. I think a little more push and we might be able to pick up enough additional votes to give this motion of his a chance to be adopted. What the amendment does that Senator Coordsen is offering is simply raise the income tax by a very small amount. His amendment leaves untouched the quarter of a percent increase in the sales tax envisioned by Senator Raikes' amendment, which is what we're discussing, the committee amendments. This bill is the only hope for doing anything substantial for the teachers, is what I've been told. If that is the case people ought to accept whatever they can get while this bill is a work in progress. If you don't like this funding mechanism strike it later, but put it on for now. If you need ammunition...this is for "Baron", "Baron Tyson", because not many times do we get to discuss things that are right up his alley...and you have a box full of cartridges and some are good and some may not be good, but maybe they're all good, you're just not sure, you have another box over here and you feel all of the cartridges in box A are good, that's the quarter of a percent sales tax increase. Box B contains cartridges which may be good but may be not. So you are in a position where you have to leave the point where you're standing to go someplace else. Why, if you have the strength to carry both boxes, don't you carry both boxes? You are not in a position where you have to fire any of the cartridges. Take both boxes. If you don't need those in box B how are you